July, 2001. The Department has also offered to send resource person(s) for any Seminar/Workshop on WTO related issues as may be organised by the Governments of the States/Union Territories.

Dispute over Dabhol Power Project

971. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITTARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispute over the Dabhol Power Project has dampened the flow of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) into the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The inflow of FDI during January to May, 2001 was Rs. 6747.94 crore, which is 14% higher than that received during the corresponding period in the year 2000 (Rs. 5918.93 crore).

Introduction of foreign technology in Indian Industry

972. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foriegn technology is also introduced in the Indian industry alongwith foreign capital investment;

(b) if so, the names of the traditional industries in the country wherein use of advanced foreign technology has been encouraged, so far;

(c) whether it has resulted in higher production and lesser cost in these industries; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Between January 1991 to May 2001, 7,019 technical

collaborations and 12,842 foreign collaborations, many of which also include technical collaborations, have been approved. These collaborations have been entered into in a wide range of activities covering both industry and services sector. Some major areas where such collaborations have taken place include electrical equipment, industrial machinery, chemicals, transporation, power, telecommunications, etc.

(c) and (d) As per the Sixth Survey Report of RBI on Foreign Collaboration in Indian Industry, the average profitability ratio during the survey period was 19.8% for subsidiaries, 14.4% for minority capital Participation companies, and 12.4% for pure technical collaboration companies. The report indicates that there has been an improvement of the profitability of the companies belonging to all the three groups during the survey period (1986-87 to 1993-94).

Closure of Diamond Units

973. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exporters of Gem and Jewellery are facing severe order problems owing to the economic slowdown in US;

(b) whether it is a fact that serveral US based importers have returned the diamond consignments;

(c) whether it is a also a fact that besides, the units which have already closed-down the existing units are working at about 25 per cent of the capacity; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information given by the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Mumbai (GJEPC), instances of return of diamond consignments by US based importers have not come to the notice of the Council.

(c) while the slackness in demand of cut & polished diamonds in the global market, particulary in U.S., may have adversely affected the cutting and polishing units, no specific instances of closure of the units in the country have been brought to the notice of the Government. However, as per the provisional figures provided by the GJEPC, during the period April 2001-June 2001, imports of rought—